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London, March 7.—The war office to-day reported the repulse of hostile raids near Epehy and Poelcapelle.

Paris, March 7.—German raids on the Verdun front Tuesday night were repulsed by the French, the war office announced to-day. There was heavy artillery firing near Rheims and in Lorraine and Alsace.

BRUTALLY KILLED
WOUNDED SKIPPER

German Shot Latter When He Refused
to Leave the Boat That Was
to Be Blown Up.

London, March 7.—How the crew of a German submarine brutally killed the wounded master of a Belgian fishing smack who refused to leave the vessel is described in a press association dispatch from Penzance. The submarine attacked the smack with gunfire and the skipper was wounded severely. He urged his men, including his own son, to save themselves. The submarine commander forced the fisherman to row German sailors to the smack to place bombs aboard. One of the Germans drew a revolver and shot the helpless skipper through the head in the presence of his son.

AMERICAN COLONEL
CAPTURED PRUSSIAN

They Met in an Enemy Trench While
an American Party Was Seeking
Information.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 6 (By Associated Press).—An American staff colonel, while with a French raiding party for the purpose of securing information a few days before his men took up their positions in the new American sector on the Lorraine front, met a Prussian lieutenant in an enemy trench and captured him. The colonel, with an American captain, brought the Prussian back to the lines the Americans are now occupying.

WHITE MOUNTAIN
LAND BOUGHT UP

Government Acquires Many Acres for
Addition to the National
Forest.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—The purchase of 65,582 acres of land in the White mountains and southern Appalachians for inclusion in the national forests has been authorized.

90 PER CENT CARRY
SOLDIER INSURANCE

More Than \$12,000,000,000 Has Been
Written by United States Govern-
ment on Lives of Its Figh-
ing Men.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—More than \$12,000,000,000 worth of insurance has been written on the lives of American soldiers, sailors and nurses by the war risk insurance bureau. Secretary McAdoo announced an average application for \$8,000. The maximum permitted is \$10,000, and the minimum \$1,000.

ONLY SIX CLAIMS IN

For Long-Time Bank Deposits Hearing
Continued to April 5.

The date for the hearing on claims for bank deposits, which have run more than 20 years, has been continued to April 5 in Washington county probate court. Thus far only six claims have been put in, although there is a long list of deposits. Deposits claimed are as follows: J. R. Bartlett, formerly of Barre, \$50.25; James Reid, formerly of Barre, \$196.65; M. J. Tierney, formerly of Barre, \$92.20; N. R. Philbrook, formerly of Barre, \$27.72; J. L. Henderson, formerly of Barre, \$44.45; A. J. Stephen, formerly of Barre, \$2.81.

Don't Be Sensitive; It Spells Failure

In an article called "How I Cured Myself of Being Sensitive" a writer says in the March American Magazine: "Wagner, you've got the ability," he cried, "but you'll never get anything out of this world until you quit tearing yourself to pieces. I've watched you for the past three years; twice I've had it in my mind to push you up a notch in the office, and every time I've passed you and picked someone else, because I know you aren't fit to handle other men. No man is fit to handle other men until he has learned to control himself. You can't, you're too damned sensitive."

"Little setbacks break your heart. A letter of complaint comes in from some customer and you take it as a personal criticism, and lose a day's work brooding over it. You see me in conference with some of the other men, and you stab yourself wondering why you weren't invited, and imagine that I have turned against you. You hear about someone who is making more money than you, and immediately all far fields look greener. You're a fairly useful cog in your present job, and it might put me to some annoyance to lose you. But you'll never hold a big job until you can forget your own petty self and learn to laugh when the world takes a crack at you. Hanged if I don't think sometimes it might be better if you were to get out and try your hand somewhere else."

AMERICAN FRONT
WAS AGAIN RAIDED

Germans Were Repulsed with Losses, According to Report Coming from Headquarters.

Headquarters, American Troops in France, March 7. (By Associated Press).—American troops on still another place on the French front have been raided by the Germans, who were repulsed with losses. This is the first time it has been permitted to mention this engagement. The Americans have entered the battle line in a certain place in Lorraine.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—American troops are now holding something over eight miles of trenches on the battle front in France, it was learned yesterday, although in an airline their frontage is only about four and a half miles. This frontage is liable to extension at any time for the regular trench allotment for an army corps.

Irregularity of the French lines is responsible for their eight miles of front. They are laid out so that flanking fire may be obtained along every part of the front. Strong points containing machine guns jut out for this purpose. The trenches also follow closely any protective slope of the country and wander up and down hill. The American sector is understood to be a divisional frontage, which means that at least three divisions of troops are there to give the necessary support in the front lines. This fact has aroused speculation here as to who will be selected by General Pershing to command the first corps of his army. Major General Hunter Liggett is known to have acted in that capacity, but as yet the expeditionary commander has not made any recommendation. It is possible that the French system would be followed in the American army so far as the appointment of corps commanders goes. If the French practice is adopted, the grade of lieutenant general may be employed for field army commanders.

The foregoing is confirmation of the French official statement March 5, which said that a German attack on trenches held by American forces in Lorraine on the night of March 4, was repulsed.

MORE VERMONTERS
IN WOUNDED LIST

Alfred J. Gratton of Bennington and Herman Gustafson of Proctor Slightly Wounded in Action.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—General Pershing yesterday reported five killed in action, two severely wounded and five slightly wounded. Among the slightly wounded were Privates Alfred J. Gratton of Bennington, Vt., on March 3, and Herman Gustafson of Proctor, Vt., on Feb. 27.

PRIVATE GRATTON IS 22

And Has Seen Service With Vermont National Guard.

Bennington, March 7.—Alfred J. Gratton, reported slightly wounded in France, is a son of George G. Gratton, a machinist of this village. He enlisted three years ago in Co. A, 1st Vermont National Guard. He was at the Mexican border and on his return was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen. Just before going overseas he was at Westfield, Mass. He is 22 years of age and married.

GUSTAFSON A MARBLE WORKER.

Proctor Man, Wounded in France, Was in National Guard.

Rutland, March 7.—Herman Gustafson, who was wounded in France, is a marble worker. He was employed by the Vermont Marble company at Proctor for several years. He was a member of a Company, Vermont National Guard. He was with the company at Eagle Pass, Tex., during the Mexican trouble and went to Westfield with the Vermont regiment, now the 57th Pioneer Infantry, last spring, and is said to have gone abroad in July. He is 30 years old and unmarried. He has no near relatives in Proctor. His parents live in Sweden.

FIVE-MILE DRY ZONES.

Are Drawn About Eight Permanent Naval Training Stations.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Five-mile dry zones around eight permanent naval training stations and camps, irrespective of whether there is an incorporated city or town within those limits, was ordered yesterday by Secretary Daniels. Other orders may be issued later, but for the present no change is made in the regulations governing conditions around other camps.

The selective service law the secretary forbids the sale or giving away of liquor within five miles of the naval academy at Annapolis; the Great Lakes training station near Chicago; the training camp at Newport, R. I.; Norfolk, Va., and Hampton Roads, the training camp at Quantico, Va., and Port Royal, S. C.

As in the case of army camp zones an exception is made of the serving of liquor in private homes to members of the family or guests.

In a statement explaining the order Secretary Daniels said it had become necessary to protect the young sailors who were in training. He referred at length to conditions at Newport and at Vallejo, Cal., near the Mare Island station which he said the local authorities had been vainly urged to correct.

BIG LIME CORPORATION

And a Fishing Club Incorporated in Vermont.

The Dorset Fish club of Dorset, with a capital stock of \$50,000, has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state for the purpose of conducting a club in the above town. The subscribers are S. Frank Holley and Ernest H. West of Dorset, and Fred S. Holley of Troy, N. Y.

The Mississippi Lime Products company, Inc., of Highgate, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has filed articles in the same office to do a general business in handling lime prepared at Highgate. The subscribers are J. Gregory Smith, E. Deschamps, Charles E. Schell and R. E. Corbin of St. Albans and J. W. Redmond of Newport.

OLD REGIME
BEING REVISED

Landed Classes in Russia
Are Being Restored to
Power

LANDLORDS GET
PROPERTY BACK

Germans Are Thought To
Have Halted Their Inva-
sion of the Country

London, March 7.—The German advance eastward into Russia stopped early Tuesday, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd, dated Wednesday, but it was resumed during the night on several sectors in order to allow the Germans to reach and consolidate a new line.

It is reported in Petrograd that the banks have been reopened, the property of the landlords stored and other conditions approaching the old regime have been revived in the towns occupied by the Germans.

PETROGRAD CALM TUESDAY.

Despite Presence of German Troops 100 Miles Away.

Petrograd, Tuesday, March 5.—Petrograd was calm and orderly to-day, regardless of the presence of German troops at Narva, 100 miles from the capital and evidence on all sides of the removal of war supplies.

U. S. ARMY PLAN
HAS BEEN APPROVED

It Fixes Six Divisions as Strength of an
Army Corps and Three or More
Corps Will Constitute a
Field Army.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The war department has approved a plan of organization, fixing six divisions as the strength of an army corps; three or more corps will constitute a field army. Each corps will occupy a front sector with two divisions, while two replacement lines of two divisions each will back them up.

The immediate purpose is to complete the organization of the first field army in France in the shortest possible time to give General Pershing the strength to hold fully and Americanize a sector of the front.

GRIM EVIDENCE

That Cross Rip Lightship Went Down
In Storm.

Boston, March 7.—A torn and water-soaked American flag and the rudder of a ship's boat bearing the words "Cross Rip" were brought here yesterday and are believed to be evidence of the sinking of the Cross Rip lightship which was torn from her moorings off Nantucket by ice floes late in January. The articles were picked up by fishermen of the schooner Kinko while they were hauling their nets 180 miles east of Georges bank, Feb. 28.

On board the lightship when she was carried away from her moorings were: Mate Henry F. Joy, in command; Machinist F. M. Johnson; Cook William Rose and Seaman Almon F. Wilson, E. H. Phillips and A. C. Joy. All but the latter were married and lived on Cape Cod.

Capt. Richard Phillips, commander of the craft, was ashore at the time of leave.

FOOD LICENSE REVOKED.

Boston Concern Said to Have Sold Sugar
for 11 Cents.

Boston, March 7.—Revocation of the food license of the Boston Sugar and Jobbing company by the national food administration resulted from an investigation by the state food authorities, which was announced last night.

This is the first food license to be revoked in Massachusetts since the regulations became effective. The revocation order becomes operative to-night at midnight. An agent of the federal food administration, it is announced, has been appointed to handle the affairs of the firm.

HIRSCH PLEADED GUILTY

And Gets Three Months' Term for Failure
to Register.

Deputy United States Marshal G. F. Lackey returned to Montpelier last evening from Burlington, where he took Arthur Hamilton Hirsch the preceding day. Hirsch appeared before the court on Wednesday, pleading guilty to the charge of failing to register last June under the draft regulations and was given a sentence of three months in the county jail and ordered committed to Washington county jail to serve the sentence.

TO ACQUIRE GERMAN WHARVES.

And Sell Any Enemy Property in United States.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—The Senate appropriations committee to-day approved amendments to the urgent deficiency bill, giving the president authority to acquire a legal title to German wharves and property at Hoboken and empowering the alien property custodian to sell any enemy property in the United States.

A NOVEL REASON.

Advanced by Bolsheviks Why German Peace Terms Should Be Ratified.

Petrograd, March 7.—The central executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council, while recognizing the German peace terms as those of "political hands" has called on the delegates to the Moscow congress to vote for ratification. The committee says a Bolshevik organ, because peace has afforded the social revolution "absolutely necessary respite."

COINS UP TO STANDARD.

Little Deviation Noted by the Coin Assay Commission.

Philadelphia, March 7.—Samples of species test in the annual inspection of the United States mint here by the coin assay commission represented the largest number of coins ever passed upon by a body of this sort. The work was completed recently.

No material departures from the weight and quality standards of coins has ever been detected and no mint in this city. Ten-dollar and twenty-dollar gold pieces must assay within a half-grain of the required weight and five-dollar and two-and-one-half dollar gold coins within a fourth of a grain. In silver, coins of all denominations are passed if they are within one and one-half grains of the standard.

The result of the test just completed here was reported to President Wilson at Washington together with reports of the output at the mints in Denver and San Francisco. The latter were inspected in this city by means of sample coins. In conducting an inspection, one piece, six at it is known technically, is tested for every one thousand gold coins minted and two for every thousand in silver.

MONTPELIER

Complications Develop Over Sale of Colton Plant.

Although Elen C. Gitchell, who is now in bankruptcy, bid off the equity, over and above the mortgage of the Colton Manufacturing company Wednesday afternoon at the auction, yet he will have to prove to the satisfaction of the chancery, F. M. Butler, that he has the money to pay the obligations he has assumed before he can secure the title to the property. Before the receivers, L. H. Bixby and A. G. Eaton, left the building on Winslow avenue following the sale, they notified Charles Gale, the watchman, to refrain from allowing Gitchell about the place. The sale was set for 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Auctioneer C. F. Smith stated before the bidding commenced that E. M. Harvey, for the receivers, wanted to read a statement of the affairs that those who might bid would know what they were bidding upon. In other words, he explained about the mortgages held by the Capital Savings Bank and Trust company, and F. M. Corry and the heirs of W. E. Adams.

These mortgages are signed individually by W. C. Colton, E. A. Colton, Thomas Colton and Harry Colton, instead of by the corporation. He further stated what the water rights compose and gave those bidding much information. After him, E. H. Deavitt, for the mortgage holders, made a statement that the successful bidder must pay cash for his equity and assume all mortgages. He must deposit the amount of the bid with the Montpelier National bank by noon Thursday, and if he failed to do that, the next lower bidder would be allowed to deposit the amount of his bid by noon Friday.

Mr. Smith asked for bids. He talked some minutes and then a voice, which no one recognized until Mr. Smith informed them that it was Ernest Kaiser, made the bid. This started the rumor that the Tenney company, by whom Mr. Kaiser is employed, was after the property. The bid set for some time and some of the men left for over town, telling as they went that the property had gone to the Tenney company; but such was not the case. For Mr. Kaiser asked F. M. Corry a few questions relative to the responsibility of bidding, which resulted in Mr. Kaiser withdrawing the bid.

Mr. Smith then worked overtime to get another bid and finally W. C. Colton bid \$1. He was immediately raised to \$2 by Mr. Gitchell, whose conversation with the receivers was held. Efforts to get a raise in bids failed and finally Mr. Smith was told by the attorneys to close the deal if the bid was not raised, the right to adjourn the auction having been waived by the receiver, who conducted the sale. Mr. Gitchell was awarded the equity for \$2. He tried to get a good deal of the bid with the Montpelier National bank, but the bank, which had been closed, refused to take the bid. However, the title will not be good until the court has given its sanction of the sale, and a hearing on that matter will take place in a few days. Mortgages which total \$5,000, are carried on the property. These are secured; there are also other mortgages, which are not secured by this property, while \$22,500 of the mortgage notes are overdue and would have to be taken up as soon as the chancery sustained the sale.

The afternoon preceding the sale, F. E. Gleason, attorney for the mortgages, filed a petition for leave to site the receivers into a settlement with the mortgages that in case there was not enough realized to pay the mortgages that the balance be paid from the money in the hands of the receiver, and that if the sum in the hands of the receiver was insufficient to pay the mortgages, the receiver be given authority to proceed against the Coltons. The balance on hand amounts to nearly \$30,000.

Ten more cars of coal arrived Wednesday, of which six went to Barre, while four were sent to Montpelier, one for G. W. Andrews and three for H. M. O'Neil.

The fourth young man from Washington county has signed to self-indent into the carpenter's branch of the aviation service of the signal corps, responding to the call received last Saturday. He is Crawford Maxwell of Waterbury; that is, three have come from class one while there has been one signed up from class two, and it looks as though the fifth one would probably appear before the end of the business day, Friday.

Letters were received this week from Henry Ford, who is with the Massachusetts contingent in France, that he is in a hospital for trouble with his feet and that he is doing well. John Tomasi of Montpelier is in the same hospital with him. It is thought here that both have been trench service and are suffering from trouble with their feet which developed while they were in that service. Mr. Tomasi was a member of Co. H, when he left here, while Mr. Ford was a member of a Boston company of the 9th Massachusetts.

Armando Crespo, who was arrested Wednesday morning by Chief Constable, was released in the afternoon, having been able to furnish \$1,000 bail. He was taken in custody originally upon the complaint under the federal laws.

Each and every person who supported me in the election of last Tuesday, and I desire to state that I shall do everything in my power to conduct the affairs of the mayor's office as that they will not regret their support of my candidacy.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

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GARDEN ARMY
BEING FORMED

Five Million Children Are
to Be Enlisted in the
Force

TO RAISE FOOD
FOR FAMILY OF EACH

The Army Will Be In
Charge of 40,000
Teachers

Washington, D. C., March 7.—The formation of a United States garden army, with a membership of 5,000,000 children, having for a purpose the supplying of the family of each member with vegetables, small fruits and eggs during the summer and fall, was announced to-day by the department of the interior. The department is organizing children in cities, towns, villages and suburban homes, while the department of agriculture is doing the same in the farming districts. The children will be in charge of 40,000 teachers, with four or five general superintendents in charge of the districts.

DRILLING RATHER HARD.

Private Taftley Verner of the 47th Regiment Writes.

From Private Taftley Verner of Co. B, 47th regiment of infantry, stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., Charles Charbonneau, the Keith avenue shoemaker, has received an interesting letter. The letter in part is as follows:

Dear Friend Charles: Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and hoping that this letter reaches you the same. I was sitting in camp to-day looking my gun over and figuring how many bullets I am going to get when I arrive "over there." I met Gibson over here last Sunday and was very glad to see him. He told me that he was in to see you before he left Barre. He is in the 58th company. We drill pretty hard down here. I had both arms doped with that stuff that they put in the army boys and they feel rather sore. I wish to thank you for the package of cigarettes and papers which you sent me. It certainly did come in nice and also to have heard from you. If I see any more snakes down here I guess that I can take care of them. I have a big knife which is about 3 feet long by my cot. When I received the package from you, all the boys gathered around and wanted to know who my friend was in Barre. There are many of the poor boys up against it here, believe me. For the weather, it is fine; we go around with our sleeves rolled up, like in the good old summer time. That is all for this time. Taftley Verner.

MAY START SHELTER HOME.

For Taking Care of Dependent and Neglected Children.

Dr. C. E. Dalton, secretary of the state board of health, spoke at the meeting of the board of charities and probate at Montpelier Wednesday afternoon, telling the members the health conditions which might help them in their work. Some complicated cases of probate were considered and warrants to return the persons under consideration to the respective state institutions will be issued. The next meeting of the board will occur at Vergennes when C. J. Wilson of the industrial school and J. E. Weeks, director of state institutions, have been asked to address the meeting.

The following statement was issued by Secretary W. H. Jeffrey this morning: "The question of establishing a shelter or receiving home for dependent and neglected children was taken up and discussed. Neither the establishment nor the location of the home was fully decided on. Several propositions are under consideration. It is hoped that in Washington county, if established, is possible."

EXPLAIN RED CROSS PLANS.

Divisional Superintendent James Jackson of Boston to Be Present.

There will be an executive meeting of the Vermont branch of the Red Cross at Montpelier on Wednesday, March 13, when James Jackson, superintendent of the divisional office in Boston, will explain the plans for the year.

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THANK THE RED CROSS.

Barre Boys Tell How Much They Appreciate Articles Sent.

The following letters were received recently from young men to whom the Barre branch of the Red Cross sent knitted articles:

Waco, Tex., Feb. 17, 1918. Dear Mrs. Parker: No doubt you will think it ill timed for me to thank you and the Red Cross at this late date for the sweater, helmet, wristlets, etc., Mrs. Parker, I appreciate them very much indeed. It seems hard to get time to write and must use that as my only excuse for not having done so before.

When a "cold norther" hits Texas, we sure have use for comforters of this kind and I do not know what we would do without them. Did you know that we use the helmets to sleep in during the cold nights? I do not believe they were designed for night-caps, but they can't be beaten for such.

This is a very changeable climate down here. It goes from 80 degrees to freezing in a very few hours and without any warning. It is then that the warm woollens come in handy.

Again thanking you for your kindness and assuring you that I appreciated it very much and hoping that you will pardon me for not writing sooner, I am, sincerely yours, Alex. D. Stratton.

Feb. 25, 1918.

Dear Friends and Workers for the Red Cross: I wish to acknowledge the receipt of a package which I received in first-class condition, mailed by my sister, Elizabeth, from the Barre branch of the Red Cross, for which you have my heartiest thanks, and I wish to thank the ladies whose names were included as having made the articles which I received. Mrs. Grierson sweater, Mrs. Graham two pairs socks and Mrs. Verner wristlets and mittens, which come in very handy and will be a world of good in the very near future.

W. M. Carson.

Chief Commissary Steward, U. S. Navy.

\$688,421.13 BUSINESS;

\$276,298.67 LOSS PAID

Insurance Commissioner Brown Issues Statement Showing Amount of Business Done in Vermont Last Year.

Insurance Commissioner J. G. Brown this morning released for publication the figures showing the amount of business done by insurance companies in Vermont in 1917, which shows that premiums received amounted to \$688,421.13